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REORGANIZE, EXPAND WORKERS MEDICAL CARE

NEW DEVICES TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM JOB HAZARDS -- Express Wieczorny, No 60, 1 Mar 50

Recently the WUB-HP (Model Experimental Shop on Safety Measures and Work Hygiene) perfected a number of protective devices and clothing for workers exposed to harmful working conditions. Some of the items have already been released for mass production; others are still undergoing various laboratory tests and experiments.

Hermetic goggles, closely adhering to the face of the wearer for full protection from gas penetration, were perfected by the WUB-HP and are now being produced on a large scale. A special attachment on the goggles wipes vapor off the lenses. Welders' goggles made with double lenses, one colored and the other clear, are now being manufactured. These goggles protect the eyes from the strong glare while welding; by shifting the lenses, the worker may inspect the work without removing the goggles.

Workers producing matches will receive shields made from fireproof material known as celon. Lighter-weight, fireproof shields will be supplied to laboratory workers and scientists. Tests performed on the shields were favorable.

Tests are now being conducted on new, improved all-Polish-made gas masks which have two gas- or dust-absorbing canisters. These masks are so constructed as to permit the worker the greatest amount of freedom of movement on the job.

The WUB-HP is at present perfecting safety belts for workers doing construction work on tall structures without scaffolds. Life belts with air chambers and a container of compressed air are being prepared for inland navigation, and cork life preservers for sea-going ships. Miners' helmets heavily reinforced for protection against falling objects and with special attachments for miners' lamps were tested recently by the WUB-HP.

A special division of the WUB-HP is conducting tests on the strength and suitability of protective clothing in current use.

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PLAN INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE -- Zycie Warszawy, No 97, 7 Apr 50

Vice-Minister of Health Sztachelski told a convention of Wojewodztwo health department chiefs that an Institute of Occupational Medicine will be established in 1950 to take care of such problems in Poland.

He also announced that a Faculty of Medicine will be set up in Bialystok, making a total of ten medical faculties in Poland. Auxiliary medical personnel will be trained. The Ministry of Health, following the example of the USSR, will train male attendants on a large scale.

The State Health Council will be renamed the Research Council of the Ministry of Health. It will prepare the curricula for medical faculties and plan research work in the medical field.

Sztachelski declared that in 1950 Poland will be divided into regions for sanilation and epidemic control. Instructors for sanitation work will be trained, and a sanitation inspectorate to supervise housing construction will be established.

ORGANIZE MOBILE EXHIBIT OF SAFETY DEVICES -- Express Wieczorny, No 63, 4 Mar 50

For the first time in Poland, a mobile exhibit of safety devices has been organized in a Polish State Railroad propaganda car through the cooperation of the Railroad Health Services, the Ministry of Health, and the Polish Red Cross.

The exhibit includes cafety devices, protective clothing such as asbestos, rubber, and canvas coveralls and caps, dust-proof masks, safety shoes, dielectric gloves and gauntlets, and various pamphlets and propaganda material. A movie projector shows films on pertinent subjects, first aid, and basic principles of hygiene. Lectures acquaint the visitors with basic safety precautions, results of alcoholism, etc.

The exhibit will tour Slask, Opole, and several places in Krakow Wojewodztwo. It will stay from one to four days in each place depending on the attendance.

The exhibit is part of a program to acquaint young workers with better working conditions.

WORKERS MEDICAL CARE PLACED UNDER MINISTRY OF HEALTH -- Ilustrowany Kurier Polski, No 66, 7 Mar 50

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Council of Ministers on 22 December 1949, the Ministry of Health has taken over medical services for workers, up to now under the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare. The ZLP (Institute for the Medical Care of Workers), created this year, will have charge of all medical services for workers. The agency will be under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health. T. Michejda, Minister of Health, has placed Dr. J. Wolanski in full charge of the organization of the ZLP.

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